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SUBJECT: NIGER NEWSPAPER REPORTS REACTIONS TO MAURITANIAN COUP.

1. THE NIGER NEWSPAPER "LE SAHEL" REPORTED IN TODAY'S ISSUE
RCJULY 13) THAT AFTER "L'EMOTION" CAUSED BY THE MAURITANIAN
COUP D'ETAT ON MONDAY, THE COM DECIDED TO BRING TO BEAR A
GREATER CALM TO THEIR WORK.

2. IN ADDITION, THE ARTICLES REPORTED THAT FORMER MAURITANIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER M. HAMDI OULD MOUKNASS LEFT KHARTOUM
TUESDAY TO RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT VIA PARIS. HE IS ALLEGED
TO HAVE SAID TO FRIENDS WHO ACCOMPANIED TO THE AIRPORT THAT
HE WAS RETURNING BECAUSE HE COULD NOT DESERT HIS COUNTRY
AND BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE A COWARD IN
THE EYES OF HIS CHILDREN. IN ADDITION HE REPORTEDLY SAID
THAT HE COULD NOT SEE WHAT THE COUP WOULD LEAD TO. THE
COUP MAKERS CAN FEEL THEMSELVES TO BE MILITARILY STRONG, BUT
THE PROBLEMS OF MAURITANIA ARE, ABOVE, ALL, POLITICAL
AND DIPLOMATIC AND IN THIS RESPECT, HAMDI OULD MOUKNASS
SUPPOSEDLY CONFIDED "EN SUSTANCE" THAT HE IS NOT SURE THAT
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